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Mr. Keith Newlin, Superintendent
USDI National Park Service
Allegheny Portage Railroad
110 Federal Park Road
Gallitzin, PA 16641-2000

Dear Mr. Newlin:

On June 20, 2006, I conducted aerial detection surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the Allegheny Portage Railroad, Stapel Bend Tunnel, and Johnstown Flood Memorial. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, Stapel Bend Tunnel and Johnstown Flood Memorial. Although no defoliation was detected at the Allegheny Portage Railroad, approximately 2.9 acres of heavy defoliation (51-100%) were detected in the vicinity of the site.

If you anticipate requesting financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2007, please contact Brad Onken at (304) 285-1546 or me at (304) 285-1555 before August 25, 2006.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey or survey letter.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Whiteman

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Forester
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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial detection survey at the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site on June 22, 2006.